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A WASHINGTON ROMANCE.  
A Letter From General Washington  
Acknowledging the Power of Love.

[From the New York Herald.]

In a collection of rare and valuable  
autograph letters which will be sold by  
Bangs & Co. this afternoon, we find the  
accompanying letter written by General  
Washington at the age of twenty-six and  
never before made public. The present  
owner purchased it in England for the  
sum of £15, where it was probably taken  
by members of the Fairfax family of Vir-  
ginia. The letter was addressed to Sarah  
Fairfax, at Belvoir. The lady was a Miss  
Cary, to whom Washington at one time  
offered his hand, but was refused for his  
friend and comrade, George William  
Fairfax. Irving asserts that it was a sister  
of Mrs. Fairfax, Miss Mary Cary, after-  
ward Mrs. Edward Ambler. We have the  
authority of Mrs. Constance C. Har-  
rison, a descendant of Lord Fairfax, who  
says in a paper called "A Little Centu-  
nial Lady," published in Scribner's  
Monthly of July last, that Sally Cary,  
Mrs. Fairfax, was the lady for whom  
Washington had a tenderness. Mrs.  
Harrison says:

It is fair to say that papers which have  
never been given to the public at this  
question beyond a doubt. Mrs. George  
William Fairfax, the object of George  
Washington's early and passionate love,  
lived to an advanced age in Bath, Eng-  
land, widowed, childless and utterly in-  
firm. Upon her death, at the age of  
eighty-one, letters, still in possession of  
her effects, were found among  
her effects, showing that Washington  
had never forgotten the influence of his  
early disappointment.

It is hardly probable that Washington  
means to express his love for Mrs. Cun-  
tis, to whom he alludes here, for her hus-  
band was then living—in fact, did not die  
until twenty odd years after the date of  
this letter. For the matter of that,  
Mrs. Fairfax's husband did not die until  
1787. The following letter is, without  
doubt, one of those letters which Mrs.  
Harrison declares will "set this question  
beyond a doubt." It will be very inter-  
esting, as it shows Washington in quite  
a new light. Even as lover he has all  
the staidness of the General and Father  
of His Country.

CAMP AT FORT CUMBERLAND,  
12th September, 1758.

DEAR MADAM:—  
Yesterday I was honored with your  
short but very agreeable favor of the first  
inst.—how joyfully I catch at the happy  
occasion of a renewed correspondence  
which I feared was disarranged on your  
part, I leave to time that never failing  
expositor of all things—and to a monitor  
equally faithful in my own breast to  
testify. In silence I now express my  
joy. Silence, which, in some cases—I  
wish the present—speaks more intelli-  
gently than the sweetest eloquence.

If you allow that any honour can be  
derived from my opposition to our pre-  
sent system of management you destroy  
the merit of it entirely in me by attribut-  
ing my anxiety to the animating prospect  
of possessing Mrs. Cuntis—when I need  
not name it—guess yourself—Should not  
my own Honor and Country's welfare be  
the excitement? This true, I profess  
myself a votary of Love—I acknowledge  
that a lady is in the case—and further I  
confess that this lady is known to you—  
Yes, madam, as well as she is to one who  
is too sensible of her charms to deny the  
Power whose influence he feels and must  
ever submit to. I feel the force of her  
amiable beauties in the recollection of a  
thousand tender passages that I could  
wish to obliterate; till I am bid to revive  
them—but experience, alas! sadly re-  
minds me how impossible this is, and  
evokes an opinion which I have long  
entertained, that there is a Destiny,  
which has the sovereign control of our  
actions—not to be resisted by the strong-  
est efforts of Human Nature.

You have drawn me dear madam, or  
rather I have drawn myself, into an  
honest confession of a simple fact—mis-  
construe not my meaning—doubt it not,  
nor expose it—The world has no busi-  
ness to know the object of my Love—de-  
clared in this manner to you—when I  
want to conceal it. One thing above all  
things in this world I wish to know, and  
only one person of your acquaintance  
can solve me that or guess my meaning  
—but add to this till happier times, if  
I ever shall see them. The hours at  
present are melancholy dull, neither the  
rugged toils of war, nor the gentler con-  
flict of A—B—is in my choice. I dare  
believe, you are as happy as you say. I  
wish I was happy also. Mirth, good  
humour, ease of mind and—what else?  
Cannot fail to render you so and con-  
summate your wishes.

If one agreeable lady could almost  
wish herself a fine gentleman for the  
sake of another; I apprehend that many  
fine gentlemen will wish themselves finer  
or Mrs. Spotwood is present. She has  
already become a reigning toast in this  
camp; and many there are in it, who in-  
tend (fortune favoring) to make honor-  
able scars speak the fullness of their  
merit and be a messenger of their Love  
to Her.

I cannot easily forgive the unseason-

able haste of my last express, if he de-  
prived me thereby of a single word you  
intended to add,—the time of the pre-  
sent messenger is, as the last might have  
been, entirely at your disposal. I can't  
expect to hear from my friends more  
than this, once before the fate of the ex-  
pedition will somehow or other be de-  
termined. I therefore beg to know when  
you will set out for Hampton and when  
you expect to return to Belvoir again—  
and I should be glad also to hear of your  
speedy departure as I shall thereby hope  
for your return before I get down; the  
disappointment of seeing your family  
would give me much concern.—From  
any thing I can yet see 'tis hardly pos-  
sible to say when we shall finish. I don't  
think there is a probability of it till  
the middle of November. Your letter to  
Capt'n Gist I forwarded by a safe  
hand this moment it came to me. His  
answer shall be carefully transmitted.

Col. Mercer, to whom I delivered your  
message and compliments, joins me very  
heartily in wishing you and the ladies of  
Belvoir the perfect enjoyment of every  
happiness this world affords. Be assured  
Dr. madam, with the most unfeigned re-  
spect, yr most obedient and most oblig'd  
Hble serv't.

G. WASHINGTON.

N. B. Many accidents happening (to  
use a vulgar saying) between the cup  
and the lip, I choose to make the ex-  
change of carpers myself, since I find  
you will not do me the honour to accept  
mine.

CURRENCY IN AFRICA AND CHINA.

Africa, a country naturally destitute,  
so far as is known, of silver, has always  
been driven to strange expedients for a  
currency. In the Soudan, where an ele-  
phant's tusk represents so many abso-  
luted slaves—where a certain number  
of strips of cloth are equal to a calabash  
filled with beads or buttons—and a bea-  
nood brimming with gold-dust does duty  
for a bank-note, small change is urgently  
required. This want is partially supplied  
by those little shells called "cowries,"  
which are found on the coast of India,  
and are often there used to adorn the  
horse-trappings of princes. In Angola  
and other parts of Central Africa, these  
same "cowries," two thousand five hun-  
dred of which, in India, are the equiva-  
lent of one rupee, and are the pocket  
money of native children of the poorest  
caste—rise to the value of five thousand  
to the pound sterling. Except in Egypt  
and Morocco no money is coined in Af-  
rica north of the Cape of Good Hope.  
It is wonderful that so highly organized  
and commercial a community as that of  
wealthy China should have contentedly  
remained so ill off in a monetary point  
of view. The Flowery Land, in this  
anomaly, as in many others, has probably  
been enslaved by the tyranny of custom.  
Those long strings of perforated copper  
coin, technically called "cash," have  
been, of centuries untold, the only recog-  
nized money of the central kingdom;  
and even now, although the indigenous  
taels and tungsteens, are largely supple-  
mented by Spanish and Mexican dollars,  
a Chinese merchant prefers to make  
payments of silver, not by tael or by  
weight, but by measure. China, like  
India, no doubt contains a large propor-  
tion of the whole stock of the precious  
metals; but its absorbent qualities are so  
great, that what was anciently called the  
balance of trade is nearly sure to be  
against the outer barbarians.

THE OPIUM HABIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: Is  
there any cure for the opium or mor-  
phine habit? I mean is there any cure  
without intense and long-continued  
suffering. If you will reply in your  
issue to-morrow morning, you will greatly  
oblige  
A. VICTOR.

March 13, 1877.

The desire for opium in any of its  
forms, if confirmed by long use of the  
drug, can be cured, but only by a de-  
termined exercise of will and a resolu-  
tion to patiently endure more or less  
physical suffering. In such a case the  
advice of an intelligent physician is of  
great service. But avoid all nostrums.

The feeling in Ireland in favor of the  
Sunday closing of places where liquor is  
sold has received a fresh illustration. A  
petition from the city of Dublin has been  
sent to Parliament, a mile in length, and  
bearing 60,000 signatures. Meetings are  
frequently held to protest against the ex-  
emption of large towns from the opera-  
tion of the proposed law. A careful  
house-to-house canvass of nineteen towns  
has shown that in them 100,000 persons  
voted for Sunday closing and only 11,331  
against it. The bill is likely to pass at  
this session of Parliament.

Norwich Bulletin: "An English paper  
remarked some time ago that, in the  
constant development and progression of  
nature, the time would surely come when  
the male would try to emulate the night-  
ingale. And people were foolish enough  
not to believe it till they heard the tenor  
in one of the city churches the other  
evening."

At the Deadwood Theater, in the Black  
Hills, when the audience got tired of the  
can-can, the boys call out, "Give us  
some singing, or we'll clean out the  
place. We want something elevating."  
The admission to this temple of the  
musical costs \$2.50; reserved seats, \$5.

"Well, Sambo, how do you like your  
new place?" "Berry well, Massa."  
"What did you have for breakfast this  
morning?" "Why, you see, massa, I had  
three eggs for herself, and gave me the  
brof."

THE LAW OF BETTING.—The man who  
bets should make up his mind in advance  
to abide by the decision of the judge or  
referee. He can never be certain of win-  
ning, therefore he should always be pre-  
pared to lose. To become a convert to  
the theory that betting is pernicious and  
to attempt to recover your money under  
the Gaming Act after the wager has  
been decided against you is to prove  
yourself deficient in intellect and lacking  
integrity. In the village of Amsterdam,  
New York, a jury composed of the lead-  
ing citizens of the place expressed a few  
days ago, a decided opinion in regard to  
the standing of a man who had bet on  
the Presidential election, lost, and then  
sued the stakeholder for the money de-  
posited with him. After investigating the  
facts the following verdict was handed in:  
"The jury in the case of P. Dargn vs. C.  
Moat do report that they find a verdict  
for the plaintiff to the amount of \$15,  
and that the plaintiff be banished from  
the town, and that all persons are hereby  
cautioned against negotiating with said  
P. Dargn, as he is a squaler and un-  
worthy of association. Signed by the  
jury." While the law was on the side  
of Dargn, public sentiment unmistak-  
ably was against him. Those who take  
all the chances to win and none to lose  
must not expect to be treated with dis-  
tinguished consideration by their fair-  
minded fellow citizens.—(Turf, Field  
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tive to her husband by hiring a pretty  
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